

## CUMMINGS HISTORY

JOHN CUMMINGS AND HIS WIFE, RACHEL CANARDY, KNOWN TO US AS PAP AND MAM CUMMINGS, LEFT NAUVOO IN 1846 AND MOVED TO GALLOW'S GROVE, FIVE MILES ABOVE KANESVILLE AND STAYED THERE THREE YEARS. OF THE FAMILY LIFE WHILE LIVING IN IOWA NOT MUCH IS KNOWN, ONLY THAT PAP CUMMINGS WAS AT ONE TIME JOSEPH SMITH'S BODY GUARD. ON JUNE 1st, 1852 THEY STARTED ON THEIR JOURNEY TO THE VALLEY IN THE JOHN MAXWELL COMPANY. UNCLE JOHN CUMMINGS, THEN FIVE YEARS OLD, REMEMBERS HELPING TO GATHER BUFFALO CHIPS AND HOW THEY MADE A FIRE BY WORKING A BELLOW. AT ONE TIME WHILE ON THE WAY A TRUNK, BEING TIED WITH A-ROPE, GAVE WAY AND LET UNCLE JOHN FALL OFF, THE WAGON PASSED OVER HIS LEGS AND HE MOVED HIS HEAD JUST IN TIME TO LET THE WAGON GO ON WITHOUT KILLING HIM.

THEY REACHED PROVO ON OCTOBER 12th, 1852, MAKING FOUR MONTHS AND TWELVE DAYS MAKING THE JOURNEY. THEY LIVED IN PROVO UNTIL THE YEAR '58 WHEN WM. AND ISAAC CAME WITH PARKERS TO WASATCH COUNTY. THERE WAS OLD MAN MEEKS LIVING IN MEEK'S BOTTOMS, ERN DANIELS LIVING AT DANIELS, BILL WALL LIVING OVER FROM ALLENS AND THESE WITH THE CUMMINGS BOYS WERE THE FIRST SETTLERS IN THE VALLEY.

BILL SAYS THAT THEY PLOWED THE FIRST FURROWS IN WASATCH COUNTY, WHILE PLOWING THEY FOUND AN OLD PIECE OF CHAIN UNDER THE SAGE, BURIED IN THE GROUND. THEY THEN RODE UP TO LONDON AND NO PLOWING HAD BEEN DONE, BUT OLD MAN WOODS, OVER AT MIDWAY, PLOWED THE NEXT MORNING.

THE BOYS RETURNED TO PROVO FOR THE WINTER AND IN THE SPRING THEY CAME BACK TO THEIR LAND. PAP AND HIS SON JOHN BROUGHT THEIR SHEEP UP. THEY HAD 300 HEAD OF THEIR OWN AND TOOK SHEEP TO HERD UNTIL THEY HAD 1800 HEAD. WHEN THEY ARRIVED HERE PAP WENT WITH THE BOYS TO WORK AND LEFT JOHN TO HERD THE SHEEP. THE CAMP WAS WHERE ALBERT HICKEN'S HOME NOW STANDS. UNCLE JOHN HERDED SHEEP ALL OVER THE VALLEY BEFORE THERE WAS A HOUSE BUILT. THE FIRST HOUSE WAS JOHN WITT'S.

WHEN FALL CAME JOHN HAD TO GO TO PROVO ALONE WITH THE SHEEP. WHEN HE CAME TO THE RIVER HE MET A MAN WHO ASKED HIM HOW HE WAS GOING TO GET THE SHEEP ACROSS. UNCLE JOHN TIED A ROPE TO THE LEADER AND THE MAN LED IT ACROSS AND UNCLE JOHN MADE THE OTHERS FOLLOW.

IN THE SPRING OF '61 THE FAMILY CAME TO THE VALLEY. THERE WERE ONLY 15 OR 16 FAMILIES. WE BUILT A FORT WHERE THE FAMILIES LIVED. IT STARTED AT JOHN WITT'S PLACE, RAN UP THE STREET TO JOHN MOUTONS, THEN TO MR. HICKEN'S, THEN TO SESSIONS' AND BACK TO WITT'S.

PAP'S FIRST HOME WAS ON JOHN CROOK'S BLOCK A LOG ROOM WITH A LEANTO AT THE BACK. THEIR NEXT HOME WAS WHERE BERT CLYDE NOW OWNS, A TWO ROOM LUMBER ROOF WHERE THEY LIVED UNTIL THEY BECAME SO FEEBLE THEY COULD NOT CARE FOR THEMSELVES, THEN WENT TO THEIR DAUGHTER'S, AUNT SALLIE, WHERE SHE CARED FOR THEM FOR THREE YEARS. PAP WAS VERY DEAF, I REMEMBER GRANDMA AS A LITTLE OLD FRAIL LADY WITH A HANDKERCHIEF TIED OVER HEAD, IN ALL OLD-FASHIONED FOUR-POSTER BED WITH CHINTZ CURTAINS ALL AROUND, TRYING TO MAKE PAP HEAR, AND SHE WOULD HAVE TO GIVE IT UP AND LET SOME ONE ELSE TELL HIM WHAT SHE WANTED TO SAY.

GRANDMA DIED MARCH 29, 1895 AT THE AGE OF 84 AND GRANDPA DIED SEPTEMBER 8, 1895 AT THE AGE OF 93, HIS FATHER WAS 96 WHEN HE DIED.

HARMON CUMMINGS: BORN MARYLAND, MARCH 25TH, 1756 AND DIED FEB. 9, 1851.

HIS WIFE: MARY JAMES: BORN NOVEMBER 19TH, 1763 AND DIED MARCH 29, 1847.

### CHILDREN:

THOMAS

SABY

MARY

HANNAH

GRIFFITH

MALINDA

SAMUEL

HARMON

JOHN

### BORN:

JANUARY 17TH 1781

NOVEMBER 12, 1783

DECEMBER 18, 1786

JANUARY 5, 1790

JUNE 1, 1792

JANUARY 25, 1795

AUGUST 21, 1797

FEBRUARY 7, 1800

DECEMBER 4, 1802

GRANDFATHER GRIFFETH JAMES: 3 SONS, THOMAS, JOHN, SAMUEL. JOHN CUMMINGS, BORN IN ANDERSON COUNTY, S.C. DECEMBER 4, 1802. MARRIED RACHEL CANARDY, 1831, HER PARENTS WERE ISAAC CANARDY AND SARAH PRICHET. RACHEL CANARDY BORN JANUARY 20, 1813, BAPTIZED AUGUST 13, BY JOHN McDONALD AND CONFIRMED BY JOHN JORDAN. JOHN CUMMINGS RE-BAPTIZED OCTOBER 19, 1879. THEIR CHILDREN: MARY JANE BORN OCT. 28, 1834 MARRIED RICHARD JONES, BORN IN TENN. GIBSON CO. WILLIAM BORN IN GIBSON COUNTY, TENN. JULY 30, 1835, MARRIED MARY ANN MEEKS. ISAAC BORN IN GIBSON COUNTY, TENN. MAY 31, 1837, MARRIED SARAH JONES. SARAH ANN BORN IN GIBSON COUNTY, TENN. MARCH 20, 1839, MARRIED ELISHA JONES. MALINDA BORN APRIL 6, 1842 MARRIED JACOB BAUM. NANCY BORN IN NAUVOO, ANNOCK CO. SEPT. 7, 1843, MARRIED JOSEPH McDONALD. JOHN J. BORN IN MONTROSE, IOWA, MARCH 25, 1847 MARRIED SOPHIA JOHNSON, ANNIE LEONARD DUKE. HARMON BORN IN HARRISON COUNTY, IOWA, JULY 11, 1850, MARRIED ISABEL FLORINDA DAYTON. THOMAS BORN IN HARRISON COUNTY, IOWA, 1852, DIED. JOSEPH BORN IN PROVO, UTAH, JAN. 6, 1859, KILLED WITH LIGHTNING WHEN 18.